

Amendments to the Specification:

The paragraph starting at page 1, line 9, is amended and now reads as follows:

-- ~~International patent publication WO 01/21941 A1~~ United States Patent 6,698,194 discloses an internal combustion engine whose outlet opens into the attenuating space of a muffler. A closed resonance pipe is mounted between the outlet and the exhaust-gas muffler. For an effective attenuation, the resonance pipe must have a long length. This leads to an unfavorable mounting with which the available space for components can be poorly utilized. --